

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q79665

Masataka ANDOH, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/766,011

Group Art Unit: 1631

Confirmation No.: 2008

Examiner: Karlheinz R. SKOWRONEK

Filed: January 29, 2004

For: SYSTEM, METHOD, AND PROGRAM FOR ESTIMATING GENE EXPRESSION  
STATE, AND RECORDING MEDIUM THEREFOR

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2006, in which the Examiner has required a restriction, Applicant responds by electing Group I, *i.e.*, claims 1-8 and 17-18. This election is made without prejudice to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

Prompt and favorable action on the elected claims is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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